Overview of Chapters and Activities

This educational trunk is organized into eight chapters, each addressing a specific subject area. Many of the activities build upon work students have done in previous chapters, so this trunk works well as a whole package to guide your class through a comprehensive look at Lava Beds cultural history. Any activity can certainly be done independently, however. If the class has not completed any earlier exercises referenced in the activity, the teacher may wish to incorporate a few of the questions from the referenced exercise to provide more background and deeper meaning. Teachers are encouraged to be flexible and innovative in using this trunk, and to provide feedback on these materials!

Chapter 1—Introduction—Culture and the Land

Activity A: What is Culture?

Activity B: How Can We Understand Past Cultures? Activity C: How is Culture Connected with the Land?

Chapter 2—Ancient Peoples of the Klamath Basin

Activity A: Who Were Our Country's First Inhabitants? Activity B: The Earliest Culture of the Klamath Basin

Chapter 3—Rock Art at Lava Beds National Monument

Activity A: Eyes in Stone—Rock Art in Modoc

Activity B: Study the Symbols and Create Your Own!

Chapter 4—Oral History and Storytelling

Activity A: Modoc Stories and Language

Activity B: Share Your Own Story

Chapter 5—New Cultures Enter the Klamath Basin

Activity: Setting Out for the West

Chapter 6—Traveling the Oregon Trail

Activity A: Tracking Progress Along the Trail

Activity B: Exploring the World of the Modocs and Settlers

Chapter 7—The Modoc War

Activity A: The Events and Landscape of the War Activity B: Debate and the Search for Compromise

Chapter 8—Further Research—Exploration and Interpretation

Activity: Research Project or Paper